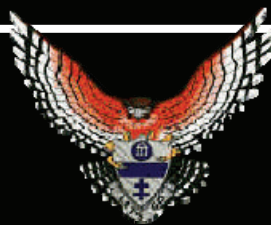


Red Falcons



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-LTC David P. Anders

This has been the fastest two years of my life. Jackie and I would both like to thank the families of the Red Falcon's for their unwavering support, through fun and hard times, over the last two years. I have full confidence that everyone will show the Richardson's the same support that we have enjoyed. The following articles show just how busy the Red Falcons have been since our return, and I have a sneaking suspicion that the 82d Airborne train is not going to

slow down. Best wishes to all who support our Red Falcons and we will see you on the high ground.

All the Way! Airborne!
Let's Go!

Red Falcon 6



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Chaplain's Corner

-1LT Doug Nab

Greetings to all of the paratroopers and family members of the 1/325 AIR. It is with great joy that I have been placed here to serve as the Battalion Chaplain. King Solomon spoke of different times and seasons in our lives in the book of Ecclesiastes. "To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven." It is definitely a time of change for both myself and my family. We have left the civilian pastorate to minister to the military.

I served in the 2/325 from 1993 to 1998. I spent my time as a soldier and NCO in the 81 mm mortar platoon.

Now, the Lord has placed me here to help those who experience similar circumstances and trials that are common to soldiers. I look forward to being an encouragement, a friend, and help to all in the battalion. Paratroopers of all ranks and positions are encouraged to contact me at any time I can be of service.

We live in a time of time of great challenge, but also a time of great opportunity. We will be called upon to make sacrifices and to demonstrate personal courage. There is a need for both strength and wisdom to meet these challenges. I believe

the Lord can provide both. Inner strength to carry on when faced with incredible circumstances. Wisdom to understand that God is in control of our lives. I consider myself very fortunate to be a part of the 1/325 AIR. I get to serve with some of the finest soldiers in the world. Dwight D. Eisenhower said, "History does not long entrust the care of freedom to the weak and timid." It has been entrusted to brave men such as serve in the 1/325. Men who overcome incredible obstacles simply because it is your duty. It is an honor to be your Chaplain.

The patriarch Abraham was commended by God for going on a journey to a place he did not know. He was commended for his faith on the journey. As I begin my journey with the 1/325, I do not know the outcome. I do know this. I want to help soldiers and their families. I am praying for the paratroopers of this battalion. With God nothing is impossible. Let's Go!

Pro Deo et Patria,

CH (1LT) Doug Nab

The Incoming Red Falcon 6 and Family

THE RICHARDSON FAMILY. The incoming Red Falcon 6 is LTC Mike Richardson. LTC Richardson is coming from the Colonels Management Office, Office of the Chief of Staff of the Army, Pentagon, where he served as the Infantry Colonel Human Resource Manager. LTC Richardson has also served in the 2nd Infantry and the 101st Airborne (Air Assault) Divisions, as well as the 82nd Airborne Division. He and his wife Mary Beth have three beautiful children Abigail (9), Hannah (7) and Shawn (17 months). They are looking forward to returning to Ft Bragg and to becoming part of the Red Falcon family.



Alpha Company

Since A Company's redeployment from Afghanistan in November we conducted block leave, barracks move, Team, Squad, Platoon, and Company Live Fires. We participated in 3 Joint Forced Entry Exercises (JFEX), a Reciprocal Unit Exchange to El Salvador, ORS, and were the Battalion's QRF from 7 April to 7 May 2006.

The company performed in an outstanding manner training up to and executing a Company Combined Arms Maneuver Live Fire Exercise at OP 13 while moving barracks and executing a Brigade JFEX as the Battalion main effort on Holland DZ. ORS preparation and preparation to assume DRF-1 and QRF meant long days and nights for the Paratroopers but A Company excelled during the ORS inspection due to the hard work and effort of the company.

25 personnel went to El Salvador to participate in the unit exchange and we hosted 40 El Salvadorans from 24 April to 9 May 2006. 76 of our Paratroopers were awarded the El Salvadoran Parachutist Badge. 59 of our Paratroopers were given the opportunity to jump from a UH-60 Blackhawk. The El Salvadorans were given the opportunity to visit museums here in the local area, conduct M4 Qualification, Enter and Clear a Room at Live Fire Village, Reflexive Fire, and visit Washington D.C. Our 25 personnel in El Salvador were given the opportunity to conduct familiarization with the El Salvadorans on Enter and Clear a Room, Search and Rescue, and to jump in El Salvador.

We took the opportunity this quarter to send Paratroopers to college, Combat Lifesaver Course, Team

Leader Course, and RTO Academy. 3 of our Paratroopers, SSG Thomas, SSG Sheppard, SSG Luis, graduated from the intense Advanced Airborne School and are our newest Jumpmasters. SGT Rodriguez, SGT Beccarelli, and SGT Eldridge graduated from the Warrior Leader Course. SGT Woody is attending BNCOC now and is expecting to be promoted to E-6 in June. Congratulations

to SFC James Griffith for promotion to SFC on 1 May 2006.

We will be participating in Family Day on 13 May. We are moving into EIB for most of the company in May and June. We look forward

to moving barracks again and entering Modular Village sometime in May and June. Post Clean Up will be followed by select Paratroopers participating in the Andrew AFB Joint Service Open House Jump on the 20th and 21st of May. That will be followed by All American Week when our company will participate in the numerous sporting events and the Division Review. After All American Week we will move into the Battalion Change of Command when LTC Anders will change command and EIB testing. After EIB will be ramping up for another JFEX where we will conduct a company level air assault and night, urban attack and then prepare for block leave. Block leave will be from 7 – 23 July 2006.



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CPT Michael T. Shaw

Alpha Company Announcements

Reenlistments:

SGT Sanchez	College	SPC Parker	College
SGT Rangel	College	SPC Boyle	BEAR
SPC Vasquez	College	SPC Okoronkwo	FT Hood
SPC Thacker	College	SPC Scroggins	FT Irwin
SGT Walker	Reclass	SSG Miller	CA
SGT Maples	College	SSG Sheppard	DS School / Pathfinder
SGT Eldridge	College		

Births:

Alexandria Anne Thomas	2 Sep 05	8 lbs	21 in
Skye Sierra Nell Eldridge	19 Nov 05	7 lbs	21 in
Brooklyn Phelps	4 Dec 05	7 lbs	21 in
Gavin William Renegar	3 Mar 06	8 lbs	21 in
Kennedy Jade Castro	03 Apr 06	6 lbs	15 in

Congratulations:

SGT Derek and Chris Ann Ruhlman	Married	16 Dec 2005
SGT Caine and Christina Sonney	Married	17 Mar 2006
SPC Tim and Ivy Thacker	Married	8 April 2006
PFC Eric and Ciara DeJesus	Married	21 April 2006

Departures:

LT Evans	D/1-325	SPC Okoronkwo	FT Hood
LT Gilluley	D/1-325	SPC Schleicher	Scouts
LT Prosch	D/1-325	SSG Bowen	Division
SPC Scoggins	FT Irwin	SPC McCumber	FT Riley
SGT Cleek	ETS	SGT Washington	ETS
SGT Ryan	ETS	SGT Hood	ETS
SPC Launder	ETS	SGT Kramer	ETS
SGT O'Keefe	ETS	SGT Post	ETS
SGT Aleman	ETS	PVT Miller	ETS
SGT Riter	ETS	SGT Grez	ETS
SGT Washington	ETS	SGT Barnett	ETS
SGT Hood	ETS	SGT Goldenstein	ETS

Arrivals:

SGT Woody and family	3 rd PLT	Scouts	SSG Britton	2 nd PLT	Recruiting
SSG Bell and family	3 rd PLT	HHC	LT Koucheravy	XO	C/1-325
SSG Rodruiguez and family	1 st PLT	1 st CAV	LT Liem	1st PLT	HHC
SSG Louis and family	2 nd PLT	10 th MTN	LT Stein	3rd PLT	IOBC
LT Nelms and family	2nd PLT	Airborne School			

Bravo Company

Since The Deployment

Upon returning from Afghanistan, B Company had some well over due family time. We had Christmas leave and we also had a two week block leave for reintegration. B Company has moved numerous times its return from Afghanistan. We are scheduled for our final move to Modular Village some time in May which resides on the corner of Reilly and Butner.

After Block leave B Company began an intensive training cycle. During the intensive training cycle, the company shot team, squad and platoon live fire exercises. The ITC culminated with a company CALFEX in which the company was praised by the Battalion and the Brigade



Commanders for their efforts. B Company not only conducted live-fires, we also executed three Joint Forces Exercises (JFEX) on Holland Drop Zone. Essentially, the JFEX is a training exercise that emphasizes a main mission of the 82nd, airfield seizure.

We are currently the Division Ready Force (DRF). We will maintain this status until 8 July 06. The company assumes the Quick Reaction Force on 8 May 06. This means we are on a 2 hour recall. We will be on this recall status until 11 June 06. At the beginning of July, the company will prepare for block leave.

Commander's Notes

Finally it looks like Spring may have arrived! Welcome weather after the Intensive Training Cycle in February. I pray everyone had a wonderful Easter.

We'll be having a company wives get-together prior to All American Week in order to discuss the festivities that will occur during that week. Many thanks to all the families who have helped volunteer time and support to the company at Green Ramp and at the Battalion Photo Shoot.

Make sure that you give your trooper a big hug (and maybe a foot rub) for they have a 12 mile foot march and shoot at the end of June. These soldiers amaze me with their toughness.

I know that with the current war going on, it is a stressful time to have a loved one in uniform. Rest easy, for there is no safer place to be than with this group of professional warriors. They are experts at their craft and stand ready for the nation. That being said, I have no indicators that we will be deploying in the future. While it could happen at any moment, I just wanted to tell you that there is nothing in the works as I write this. All we can

do is continue to pray for the Lord's will and ensure we train hard so that in the event we are called upon, we will be prepared.

Thanks again for all those who have supported the company and I hope to see you all soon.



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CPT Benjamin Morales

Platoon News

HEADQUARTER'S PLATOON

Bravo Company spent the last few months in an Intensive Training Cycle (ITC) where the majority of our time was spent out in the field conducting live fire exercises, airborne assaults, and marksmanship ranges. While Headquarters wasn't a main player in these events, they were key in providing the support that allowed the training to flow smoothly. Immediately after ITC, our battalion underwent an Operational Readiness Survey (ORS) to prepare us for DRF-1 assumption. This was Headquarters' time to shine. Our Operations section received the only first time "GO" on administrative preparation in the battalion. This was an arduous task of ensuring all necessary paperwork regarding medical files, family contact information,

personally owned vehicles (POV's), and financial and legal documents were in order for all deployable soldiers. While this doesn't sound too glamorous, these items become very important when a soldier's pay is messed up or his family can't take care of his bills while on deployment. Our Arms Room was also the first in the battalion to receive a "GO." Many hours and long nights were spent ensuring all of our equipment is functional for combat.

As far as congratulations, SGT Williams and SPC Ritchie were recently married. We welcome Karess Williams and Lindsey Elizabeth Ritchie into the Bravo

(cont.) Headquarters

Company family. A few of our soldiers will no longer be with Bravo Company. SGT Burish and SGT Wells are leaving the Army to pursue lives in the civilian world. We wish both of them the best of luck. SGT Mayes has been accepted into flight school and will attend the Warrant Officer Course at Fort Rucker, Alabama. PFC Krause is departing shortly for Camp Arifjan, Kuwait. The previous XO, 1LT Leszczynski, will be leaving for the Ranger Orientation Program (ROP) at Fort Benning, Georgia, to become part of the 75th Ranger Regiment. He is succeeded by the previous 1st Platoon Leader, 1LT Ferenzi. SPC Hidde will be taking over for SPC Bramer as the new company armorer. SPC Smith is now head of the NBC shop, and SPC Barragan is assuming control of Commo.

The next few weeks are packed with preparation for All American Week and training for the Expert Infantryman Badge test. While not officially in another ITC, Bravo Company will continue to train and prepare for any crises that may arise while we are on DRF-1. We will all finally be able to take a breath once July arrives and everyone is enjoying their scheduled block leave.

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-LT Steve Ferenzi



1st Platoon

As you probably know, first platoon has been training hard during the first quarter of 2006. We started out the year in January with team and squad live fire exercises. In February, we were selected to represent the Battalion for Major General Caldwell when he flew in to observe our platoon live fire exercise. Finally, March marked the Bravo Company live-fire. Each month culminated with a Joint Fires Exercise (JFEX) upon Holland Drop Zone. In April, first platoon led the way as the breaching element for the Battalion during JFEX. All training events were a success and the platoon gained many positive lessons from these exercises.

As of Monday, May 8, we will be back on Quick Reaction Force (QRF). This means no alcohol consumption and any traveling outside of a 2 hour radius from Ft. Bragg must first receive Battalion Commander approval. May and June consist of more training in addition to Expert Infantry Badge training and testing. The EIB tests the paratrooper's knowledge of common soldier tasks and skills to include land navigation, marksmanship, foot marching, and a variety of other events. May includes our move up the street to our permanent work-

place at the modular village. There is also a Battalion family day on May 13 at McKellar's lodge. We hope to see lots of first platoon families there, have some fun, eat some food, and get to know each other.

There is also a lot happening for our personal and professional development. Congratulations to PFC Dent, who was married to his wife, Kimberly, on February 18. Also, congratulations to PFC Morales, who was married to his wife, Amanda, last month. PFC Lipe won



both Battalion and Brigade soldier of the month and we expect to see him excel at both Division and soldier of the year competitions. Recent promotions include PFC Davis (to SPC) and CPL Iungerich (from SPC). CPL Iungerich also graduated from Jumpmaster school on April 28. SPC Gouard and SPC Smith both passed the board, are now promotable to SGT, and were currently

moved to third platoon to accept team leader responsibilities. In their place, please welcome SPC Murphrey and SPC Arista. SPC Flannery has also passed the board and is currently on TDY in El Salvador. SGT Cooper is presently attending Special Forces Assessment and Selection (SFAS). SSG Deffendall recently passed Basic Non Commissioned Officer's Course (BNCOC) and SSG Medina is currently attending BNCOC. Nearly all first platoon paratroopers earned their El Salvadorian wings by exiting a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter on the week of May 1st at Luzon Drop Zone. Congratu-

lations to all of these paratroopers for their accomplishments. Make sure to say farewell to SGT Hacker, who will ETS from the Army soon. We wish him the best of luck in all of his future endeavors. 1LT Ferenzi has also left the platoon to go down the hall and take on the role of Bravo Company Executive Officer. 2LT Allgeyer has taken responsibility as Platoon Leader and (along with his wife, Briita) looks forward to being a part of the first platoon family.

1st Platoon (cont.)

Clearly, there is a lot of activity around the unit. Make sure to enjoy those DUI free days, Memorial Day (May 27-30), Corps Holiday (June 17-19), and block leave (in July) as best as you can. Utilize that free time to relax and recover from the training week and spend some quality time with family and friends. I personally hope to meet each and every first platoon paratrooper and their families soon and greatly look forward to serving with such a fine group of outstanding individuals.

***Airborne!
All the Way! Let's Go!***

-2LT Jesse Allgeyer

3rd Platoon

3rd Platoon has undergone many changes since returning from Afghanistan in November '05. 1st LT Pete Leszczynski moved to XO and was replaced by 2nd LT Mulholland in March '06. SFC Sepulveda took over Platoon Sergeant duties in March '06. SPC Gourd and SPC Smith recently joined 3rd Platoon from 1st Platoon to become team leaders.

The company has recently come off of an Intensive Training Cycle (ITC). During ITC the company trained from the lowest level all the way up to company level.

We recently conducted a brigade JFEX. The battalion's mission was to clear the MSC compound on Holland drop zone. Bravo Company was the main effort for the attack. 3rd Platoon was tasked with clearing a single store building with eight rooms and initially setting up the company CCP. Afterwards, we set up a Traffic Control Point and manned that until we were tasked with a follow on mission. The mission we were tasked with was a battalion attack on Range 74. 3rd Platoon was initially tasked with the initial support by fire for the breach. Afterwards, 3rd Platoon came through the breach and

2nd Platoon

Second Platoon has been very busy since the Battalion returned from Afghanistan in November. Upon its return, the platoon welcomed several new paratroopers to its ranks, myself and SFC Ubersnosky among them. I have had the pleasure of meeting many of the families and feel sure that I will get the opportunity to get to know the rest of you soon. Among our incoming troopers were PFC Larson, Medina, Keys, Asherin, Huseman, Levine, and PV2 Schroeder.

Thankfully we have all had a chance to train a great deal together over the last five months through ITC, and of course who could forget the many JFEXs. Just so everyone knows, Second Platoon was commended on several occasions by Colonel Anders and Sergeant Major Ortiz for excellence during the Platoon LFX and Company CAL-FEX. Our guys have done very well over the last few months. On that note, we realize that our recent training schedule has not allowed the greatest amount of time to be spent between the troopers and their families, but block leave is almost here. First Battalion is granting block leave from 8 – 23 July, and before then several four days are in the mix. I hope that our newly married

couple, Cory and Sarah Keys find time to celebrate their nuptials.

As we move into the summer, EIB qualification, barracks move, and yet another JFEX will keep us pretty busy during the months of May and June. With the upcoming ALL AMERICAN WEEK I encourage all the families to come out and watch what the 82nd is all about. This will be an optimal opportunity for everyone to get to know each other, and for me to let you know how the platoon is doing. I want you all to know that coming to Second Platoon has been a great honor for me, because the men I get to work with are by far the best thing I have ever been apart of. Please let me know if there is ever anything I can do for you.



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- 2LT Will Mc Adams



took down a 3 story building.

The platoon participated in a foreign jump exchange with El Salvador in which we jumped UH-60's for our wings. We are currently preparing for All American week and EIB testing. Four paratroopers are competing in the combatives tournament in All American Week and the majority of the platoon will be testing for their EIB.

Along with all the training we are still conducting, which include team live fires, marksmanship range, CQM ranges and in the near future, medical training, we stand ready to deploy on DRF-1 status.

Additionally, we have had several new members to soldier's families within the platoon. SPC Hidde had a baby girl named Abbeigale. PFC Monk married Heather Monk. PFC Miller married Heather Miller. PFC Lewis, T. married Marisa Lewis. PFC McKnight married Linda McKnight. PFC Mendez married Annemarie Mendez and Private Jackson married Sarah Jackson.



-Airborne, all the way. Lets go!

-2LT John Mulholland

Charlie Rock Since the Deployment

Charlie Rock hit the ground running after our recent deployment to Afghanistan. The Company received some well-deserved down time over both the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday Seasons. On January 5th the Company changed Command from CPT Mike McDermott to CPT James Downing. Soon thereafter, the Battalion began a two-month-long Intensive Training Cycle in preparation to assume the Division Ready Force 1 mission.

When the Company is not training in the field, there is still plenty to keep us busy in Garrison. The Company moved its operating facility in January and plans to move again in May. The soldiers moved to the old Military Police Barracks on Reilly Road and will stay there until they open the new barracks on Ardennes sometime in FY 2011.

The company has had numerous jumps of all sorts and the pace doesn't look like it will slow down at all. We've conducted 3 Brigade sized airborne operations, a Company Combined Arms Live Fire Exercise, and a foreign jump with El Salvadorian jumpmasters.



Charlie Rock New Arrivals

Logan Holmes

Born: 29 Mar 06

Nikolai Rosploch

Born: 14 Mar 06

Commander's Corner

Leading Charlie Rock these first few months has been one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of my life. The soldiers, noncommissioned officers, and officers of Charlie Company continue to boldly rise to and meet every challenge thrown our way. When we assumed DRF-1, the

"boldly rise to and meet every challenge thrown our way. "

Company was at a high state of readiness, and we persevere to maintain our level of training and equipment readiness. I know the Company is ready to answer the Nation's call at a moments notice should the need arise, and will honorably represent the

82nd Airborne Division as it has done so many times in the past.

– CPT Downing



1SG's Corner

Keep a grip Red Falcons. The train does not stop around here. The boys have been going hard and doing great. Red Falcon family members you have everything to be proud of. I would like to congratulate SPC Pape and SPC Fender on graduating Ranger school on Cinco de Mayo. These guys are studs that make us proud, great job. Some good news for some and bad for others, I will starting to transition out soon to become a ROTC Instructor at the University of Pittsburgh. I hate to leave because I know I will be leaving the very best the Army has to offer. SFC Garcia from 1ST

PLT will be the acting 1SG until a replacement arrives.

Expert Infantry Badge is coming up and looks to be a crowded one. Not doing the test for more than two years has increased the numbers to compete for it. Good luck to all, stay hard, and suck it up.

To all: take care, be safe, and slip away from danger. Think first, act second.

– 1SG Painter



1st Platoon

While the 82nd Airborne is still in transition, 1st PLT continues to exemplify the paratrooper standard. During 2nd Brigade's Joint Force Entry Exercise, 1st PLT demonstrated patience and later perseverance as they went from being soaked in the rain, to participating in an urban attack. After a short weekend, 1st Platoon's squad leaders proved their leadership skills during the Company's Squad Live Fire Exercise. 1st Platoon will continue to demonstrate the qualities and characteristics of the Red Falcons.

— 2LT Hess



HQ

After company CALFEX LT Nelson took over as XO. We went straight into ORS prep. Our company did extremely well on ORS. We were almost 100% by the end of second looks. Since then we have integrated a new tracking system for maintenance and use of 2404s/5988Es. PSGs and PLs are becoming an active role in the maintenance process relieving some of the stress on the armorers. We have picked up about 75% of the weapons and NODs that were turned in during ORS. We have coded out all unrepairable optics and lasers. The commo

shop has received new ASIP radios and FBCB2s are functional in both C5 and C6. Supply continues to help with training support in running chow and supplies. PFC Pae attended and completed 1 week class on new supply computer system. OPs has been processing and tracking NCOERs and Awards and completing daily rosters and status reports. SPC O'Connor has been working continually with R&U to fix deficiencies in the barracks. SSG Baker came over from 1st platoon to be the "HQ PSG" and has significantly assisted the

XO in day to day operations.

— 1LT Nelson



2nd Platoon

2nd Platoon Charlie Rock dedicates itself to the mission. From the leadership down to the newest private, they fight to win. The Battalion Commander commended the platoon for its performance during in the recent Company CALFEX. The Deputy Commanding General lauded the efforts of three soldiers in the Platoon during that event giving them all coins and three day passes. While on DRF-1, the platoon strives to improve both professionally

and personally. — 2LT Lebednik



Congratulations to Charlie Rock's Newlyweds!

PFC Brian Martin and Sarah Maden (11 MAR 06)

PFC Garret E. Rhynalds and Dena Beckwith (31 DEC 06)

PFC Samuel Ruben and Priscilla Perez (18 FEB 06)

PFC Joseph and Jennifer Arnold (DEC 05)

SSG Billy and Brianna Holmes (JAN 06)

PFC Daniel and Julia Rosploch (DEC 05)

PFC Mateusz Ozog and Izabela Buch (APR 06)

PFC Steven and Mary Giordano were married in (DEC 05)

3rd Platoon

3rd Platoon

While the 82nd ABN is in transition, 3rd PLT CHARLIE ROCK continues to distinguish itself as leading the way in the spirit of the Paratrooper. Over the past month 3rd PLT participated in a Joint Forced Entry Exercise where the platoon conducted squad patrols from a company blocking position and cleared Holland DZ, in adverse weather conditions, in support of the BN main effort. 3rd PLT then executed an air assault into Range 74 where the platoon con-

ducted an urban attack on the MOUT site.

In the Squad Live Fire Exercise 3rd PLT set the example for others to follow. New team leaders and squad leaders showed initiative by running their squads and teams through multiple day and night live fire iterations. SPC Chandler, Bravo Team Leader 1st Sqd, lead his team through five iterations of live fire lane. SPC Chandler is just one example of 3rd PLT's initiative and dedication to standards.

— 2LT Charbonneau

Delta Dawgs Newsletter

The Delta Dawgs hit the ground running after our deployment to Afghanistan. We had block leave soon after we returned and another block leave over the Christmas holiday. The company and the barracks moved to another new location in January. We will be moving again to the Modular Village during the month of May.

The company has conducted numerous jumps, to include 3 Joint Force Entry Exercises and foreign wings jumps with both Ukrainian and El Salvadorian jumpers and jumpmasters. We also conducted Live Fire Exercises from Team to Company level and a TOW Live Fire throughout the last quarter.

In April our Battalion assumed duties as part of the Division Ready Brigade, but before we could do that we had to pass an intensive inspection of all our equipment. This involved weeks of preparation and maintenance on everything from bayonets to truck tires. It meant some long nights for the men but Delta Company passed with flying colors.



Commander's Corner

To the Delta Dawgs, family, and friends: The last half year or so since redeployment from Operation Enduring Freedom has been challenging, fast paced, very busy, and very rewarding. The Dawgs performed as they have throughout my time in command with un-paralleled success. From Team, Squad, Platoon, and Combined Arms Live Fire Exercises, multiple BDE level JFEX Airborne operations, and the preparation ramp-up to assume the DRB

and serve as the nation's quick response force, Delta Company Troopers lived up to their well-deserved reputation as excellent war-fighters and true team players.

The company readily accepted the new troopers awaiting us upon return from deployment and within 3 short months achieved a readiness level enabling us to face whatever challenge arises while our nation is at war. I am extremely proud of our troopers' accomplishments and their caliber as men and soldiers.

Congratulations

PFC Ken Pitonyak and Sarah Ann Cranmer

PFC Jack Nolan and Heather Writhrow

PFC Tyler Sargent and Ashley Whitaker

In the months ahead our focus for training will shift to individual skills level training, highlighted with the Expert Infantryman's Badge train-up and testing, and we will remain ready and proficient through small unit collective training. As the most diverse and capable company in the Battalion, we can expect consistent, outstanding performance in the months to come, and I look forward to continuing our reputation of excellence!

-Captain Clayton Stanley

1SG's Corner

Hello Delta Dawg families!

1SG Lafever here, I know it's been extremely busy these last few months and schedules have been in constant motion and for that I apologize. I wish I could promise it will get better, but all I can promise is that I'm do-



ing my best to try and get your loved ones home at a reasonable hour with some predictability. I know it's hard being away from

your loved one, but being the smallest (and by far the best) Company has it's price. I just want to say that all the Soldiers have been doing an outstanding job these last months and I am

very proud of all the hard work they have been doing and you should be too!

There are still a lot of things coming-up that are going to keep all of us busy. First in the chute is the start of Expert Infantryman's Badge testing, which is some of the best training a Soldier can get and the badge itself is one of the most coveted badges in the Army. We'll have a break from that for two weeks

1SG's Corner (cont.)

and go into Operation Clean Sweep and All-American Week and then right back into training and testing. Somewhere in the middle of all that we (along with the rest of BN) will move one more time (at least for a couple of years) to modular village at the corner of Reilly and Butner road. These new spaces will offer a lot of amenities that will be a true benefit to everyone in the company (showers, storage lockers, and platoon offices to name a few) and finally we will have a home for a good while. At the end of June the schedules going to get pretty busy again with some field time and live fire ranges, but then we will come off DRB status and the unit will get

two weeks of glorious block leave!! Which I'm sure everyone is looking forward to (I know I am). That's the schedule in a nut shell for the next two months; hopefully we all will get some good training and some well deserved time off somewhere in there.

I want to personally recognize some well earned achievements that have occurred in the last two months. We have had 4 Soldiers graduate from the very challenging Advance Airborne School Jumpmaster course: SSG Howell in March, SFC Torano, SSG (P) Achterberg, and SGT Reynolds in April. SGT Labuda graduated from the legendary RANGER

School in April (the first from the company in over 18 months). We have also had 4 graduates from the Emergency Medical Technicians course: PFC Newton, PFC Speers, SPC Pugh, and PFC Cook. Congratulations to all of them for a job well done.

That's all for now, see you all at Family Day.

-1SG William Lafever

1st Platoon

Greetings to all the families and friends of First Platoon and Delta Company! After leaving Alpha Company, I am truly thrilled to be given the opportunity to join the motivated Paratroopers in Delta Company. The platoon has been busy since assuming the DRF 1 readiness status in April. Their hard work and preparation for the Operational Readiness Survey was evident after receiving a 100% accountability and readiness rating on all vehicles. We continue to train hard and realistically as evident in

monthly Joint Force Exercises and combat equipment jumps under limited visibility. Training will soon begin to slow with the commencement of All-American Week and Block Leave in July.

We have some new additions to the platoon family that we would like to welcome. PFC Robert Blend recently joined our platoon from 4th platoon in April. He is accompanied by his wife Kathy, son Tyler, and daughter Elizabeth. We want to offer our congratulations to PFC Pitonyak



who has recently married on March 29 to Sarah Kramer. Finally, SSG Wilkey's wife, Melissa delivered a baby boy on 12 April, weighing in at a healthy 7lbs.

8ounces. SSG Wilkey's wild enthusiasm for their new addition can be seen each morning with the pronounced bags under his eyes. We all extend the Wilkey Family congratulations and the best of luck. 1st platoon certainly seems to be growing and is heading for great things in the future.

Let me again express my gratitude for your continual support of these great Paratroopers as they continue to train for our next mission, wherever it may be. I wish everyone a safe and eventful break and thank you again for the privilege of leading and serving with you.

2nd Platoon

Hello family, friends, and loved ones from the 2nd platoon "Demons". There have been many changes since the last news letter. We have welcomed new members to our platoon family, seen members go and have accomplished great things individually and as a platoon.

We would like to start by wel-

coming all of the new faces to second platoon. PFC Hubbard joined the platoon when we arrived home from Afghanistan. We have had a total overhaul in leadership with SFC Spoonemore taking charge as our new Platoon Sergeant. We have also welcomed SSG Howell to the platoon when AT-5 was de-

2nd Platoon (cont.)

activated under the new MTOE; he has returned to his original platoon home. Congratulations to Brooke and SGT Crisher who celebrated the birth of their son Gunner Michael Crisher.

This last year has presented a lot of changes for our platoon and company and with those changes we have seen many people leave the platoon. We would like to wish each member of our platoon family good luck in their future endeavors and to thank each one for their invaluable contributions to the platoon. We will feel the loss of LT Castro, SFC Hagelin, SGT Ricketts, SPC Marsan, and SGT Espinoza. SGT Porras is now a member of

fourth platoon and PVT Smith is a member of Headquarters platoon.



As a platoon we have seen many accomplishments to be proud of. We successfully completed our mission in Afghanistan with no serious incidents. Recently we completed a field exercise where we were the

opposition force fighting against elements of our own battalion providing a more realistic training environment. Promoted were SPC DeAngelo and SGT Broniak. We want to congratulate SGT Labuda on the completion of Ranger School, SPC Harrington on the completion of PRC, and SSG Howell on the completion of Jump Master School. SGT Crisher has just left for BNCOC.

Many thanks to the family and friends for your continuing love and support in all we do. We look forward to another successful year of training, camaraderie and possible deployment. Until then we wish you all the best.

3rd Platoon

Things have been very busy this year for us after redeploying from a very successful four month deployment. Upon returning to FT Bragg we have been involved in several Joint Airfield Seizure



Exercises and Combined Arms Live

Fire Exercises. Congratulations are in order for PFC Pugh and Cummings being promoted to Specialist, and PV2 Curtis being promoted to Private First Class. We

also have some additions to the

family with SGT Swank and his wife Elana having a baby boy, Kasey. On the horizon we are looking forward to Expert Infantry Badge testing, the end of DRF 1, and block leave in July. Thank you to our friends and family for your support this past year and we look forward to sharing a new one with you.

4th Platoon

Greetings friends, family, and associates; what a year this has been. First of the many changes in the platoon let us welcome LT Evans and his wife Becky, and the members of AT-5 that have joined the ranks of 4th platoon, they are PFC Savoy, PFC Ochoa, SPC Renton, and from AT-1 PFC Long. We have many brand new faces in the platoon that we hope feel welcome as well. Congratula-



Griffin and Jody on the birth of their son James Jr., and to PFC Sergeant and his new wife Ashley on

tions to PFC Ochoa and his wife on the birth of their son Alexander, to SGT

their recent marriage. Congratulation is in order to SSG Achterberg for his successful completion of Jump Master School.

Also we are feeling the loss of PFC Meyers as he has moved on to Battalion Headquarters and is hopefully doing well there. We would like to say farewell to SGT Norris as he makes the transfer from soldier to civilian, good luck brother and thank you for your dedication and service to 4th platoon.

HQ Platoon

Headquarters platoon has been busy since returning from the deployment in Afghanistan due to all the changes that have come to play. For starters the company had to do away with 5th platoon. From changing rosters and shifting people on paper to finding a spot for an extra E-7 the disbanding of AT-5 made things very interesting. Though all the members of 5th are still with the company we still miss them as a platoon. Another change for us, and everyone else, was the move

from the 504th AO to our present location. There is much less room now and all the platoons are cramped together but as usual Delta Company drives on just as strong as ever.



Delta Company New Recruits

David Kiam Arnold Jr.

Born: 26 Nov 05

Trenton Cook

Born: 10 Dec 05

Alexander Luis Ochoa

Born: 20 Dec 05

James Lewis Griffin Jr.

Born: 2 Jan 06

Kasey John Swank

Born: 4 Jan 06

Julian Wilkey

Born: 12 Apr 06

Gunner Michael Crisher

Born: 13 Apr 06

ECHO COMPANY

CPT O'Brien

Welcome Paratroopers and family members to Echo Company. I would first like to start off by introducing myself and my wife Wendy, your new FRG leaders. I am a Ordnance Officer (maintenance) and have spent the last 4 years in the 82nd Airborne Division, Wendy too is no stranger to the All Americans. She is a Captain in the Army Nurse Corps and is currently assigned to WOMACK hospital. I encourage each of you to be a part of our Family Readiness Group, we have several events planned for this month beginning with the Battalion family day on the 13th and an FRG meet-

ing scheduled for later in the month.

Echo Company is a brand new company in the Red Falcons. The company consists of 3 platoons; Distribution (S&T), Maintenance and Field Feeding. The Paratroopers and equipment formally fell under the HHC. Echo Company is a Forward Support Company (FSC) assigned to the 407th Brigade Support Battalion. The 407th BSB unit history and explanation of the crest is on the last page of this newsletter. We are permanently attached to the Red Falcons. Every maneuver battalion will have a similar company permanently attached to them.



Over the next few months our company will grow from 63 to 127 Paratroopers.

Echo Company, I am very proud of the hard work, dedication and selfless service that each of your put forth day after day, your hard work does not go unnoticed. Over the next few weeks we will have opportunities to catch our breath and give you some well deserved time off.

I thank you and your families for your dedication and sacrifice in support of our nation and freedom. I am honored to serve with you.

1SG Guerrero

Hello Echo Company! I would first like to welcome your families to the new Echo Company. Echo company has been formed as part of the Divisions transformation. Let me start by introducing myself, I'm a 63Z (mechanic) previously assigned to 3rd Battalion 325th and spent the last two years here at Fort Bragg.

To the Paratroopers of Echo Company thank you for all your hard work since your return home

from your last deployment. Your hard work paid dividends during our JFEX this past month. Continue to work hard and train hard. I want to thank all the wife's for being patient and understanding for all the long hours. Without your support and understanding things would surely be difficult. Please keep this in mind things will get better and this unit will grow twice

the current size for both soldiers and vehicles, making the overall mission a lot more manageable. On behalf of the Company Commander, I would like to welcome our new soldiers and congratulate PFC Brown AND SPC McKinzie on their marriages. I am also proud of our paratroopers who re enlisted and chose to continue serving in the U.S Army. My hat goes off to you.

Dining Facility

A lot is going on with the Echo Company 1-325 FSC Dining Facility Platoon personnel this quarter. As winners of the 39th Annual Philip A. Connelly award, we are proud to thank all who supported and commend the soldiers from the 2nd/508th PIR who participated in our success.

With only 12 soldiers in our Platoon to operate daily duty and detail, we have been pushing on one

step at a time with expectations to lose two more of our most stellar Specialists very soon. SPC Thomas Pittis is in the process of clearing to ETS and return to Ohio to pursue a college degree. SPC Robert Lough is also at a 60 day loss to ETS and return to California for Culinary School in San Francisco. They will be missed and we hope them all the best! SPC Kevin Dent Jr. has returned from an excellent job done

during a 30 day deployment with the Sustainment Brigade to JROTC in Louisiana. We are also proud to congratulate SGT Thomas Hines and SGT William Beasley for a successful completion of Paratroopers Tactical Medicine Course.

-SFC Gustafson

Maintenance Section

The Maintenance Platoon congratulates PFC Brown on his reenlistment and his marriage to his wife Shawntavia.

Transformation brings new equipment and MOS's to the maintenance platoon. We would like to welcome SGT Steven and Kelly Beattie and their three month old daughter Emma born on 28 FEB 2006. He is eager to work and brings with him knowledge and skill as a 63J. His MOS is a new addition to the platoon as part of the transformation process.

SPC Boynton and PFC Denise recently successfully completed the 80 hour H8 course (wrecker operator) and SGT Iverson will attend

next month. PFC Garcia is the Platoon's newest Combat Livesaver Graduate. SGT Morse is doing well and has returned to work after suffering from a jump injury, welcome back!

-CW2 Beckford



Marriages

***Congratulations to SPC
Richard and Misty McKinzie***

***Congratulations to PFC
James and Shawntavia
Brown***

S&T

Everyone knows that the S&T platoon is the work horse of the Red Falcons. These last few weeks have been tough and I personally thank you for your hard work and dedication. As many of your family members know we had to farewell SSG Cotrell and 1LT Peebles last month, both have moved onto to new assignments. Myself and SGT Rogers are honored to be the new platoon

leadership.

The Paratroopers of the S&T platoon excelled during last months JFEX and continue to perform magnificently. We ask a lot of these men and their families on a day to day basis and all supported are very grateful. Despite the hard work and long hours you continue to show your dedication to the US Army and

our Country by reenlisting. You are truly America's best!

Over the next few weeks our platoon we see some well deserved downtime. Continue to put forth superior results. We will continue to train hard in preparation for our next mission. All The Way, Airborne!

-2LT Corral



*Top Left: 2LT Corral reenlisting
SGT Nachman*

*Top Right: 2LT Corral reenlisting
SPC (P) Rossignol*

*Bottom Left: E Co CMD Group
reenlisting SGT Murphy*

*Bottom Right: 2LT Corral re-
enlisting SPC Wheeler*

UPCOMING EVENTS!



MAY 13: FAMILY DAY

MAY 8-12: MOVE TO MOD VILLAGE

MAY 23-26: ALL AMERICAN WEEK

MAY 27-30: MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY

**JUNE 1: BATTALION CHANGE OF
COMMAND**



407th BSB CREST

The Griffin (a composite of an eagle and a lion) symbolizes the coordinated campaign of the Allies. The five hills represent the liberation of the city of Nijmegen, Holland. The roundel simulates a wheel, alluding to the Quartermaster and Transportation Corps. The parachute with its nine cords refers to the nine campaigns in which the parent unit participated during World War I and II. The colors commemorate the decorations awarded the 407th; red and green for the Belgian Fourragere, red for the Meritorious Unit Commendation and Orange for the Netherlands Lanyard.

Promotions

Congratulations to:

SGT Rossignol

SPC Garcia

SPC Blanco

SPC McKinzie

New Arrivals

Welcome:

SGT Beattie

PV2 Alexander

Marriages

***Congratulations to SPC
Richard and Misty McKin-
zie***

***Congratulations to PFC
James and Shawntavia
Brown***

Farewell's

SGT Brugard

SGT Nachman

SPC Winkelman

PFC Meredith



407th BSB Unit History

ORIGINALLY DESIGNATED THE 307TH SUPPLY TRAIN (MOTOR), THE UNIT WAS ACTIVATED ON 5 AUGUST 1917 AT CAMP GORDON, GEORGIA AS THE COUNTRY WAS BUILDING UP FOR WORLD WAR I. THE UNIT WAS A PART OF THE 82D INFANTRY EXPEDITIONARY FORCE ON THE WESTERN FRONT IN FRANCE AND SERVED WITH DISTINCTION DURING THE AMERICAN OFFENSIVE ON THE ST. MIHIEL SALIENT AND DURING THE SEVERE FIGHTING IN THE ARGONNE FOREST.

AFTER THE ARMISTICE, THE UNIT WAS DEMOBILIZED IN 1919, AND REORGANIZED TWO YEARS LATER IN THE ORGANIZED RESERVES AS THE 82D DIVISION TRAIN, QUARTERMASTER CORPS. AFTER SEVERAL OTHER CHANGES, THE BATTALION WAS DESIGNATED AS THE 407TH QUARTERMASTER REGIMENT ON 1 JULY 1936.

FOLLOWING THE ATTACK ON PEARL HARBOR, THE 82D, ALONG WITH THE 407TH, WAS CALLED TO ACTIVE DUTY ON 25 MARCH 1942 AT CAMP CLAIBORNE, LOUISIANA. ON 15 AUGUST OF THAT SAME YEAR, THE 407TH LEFT IT'S NON-AIRBORNE ROOTS BEHIND FOREVER WHEN IT BECAME THE 407TH AIRBORNE QUARTERMASTER COMPANY. THE 407TH THEN SUPPORTED THE DIVISION IN BOTH SICILY AND ITALY. WHEN THE DIVISION WENT INTO NORMANDY, THE 407TH ARRIVED WITH THE GLIDER FORCES AND THE SEABORNE FORCES. THE 407TH ALSO PARTICIPATED IN THE GLIDER ASSAULT INTO HOLLAND. FOR THESE TWO OPERATIONS, THE 407TH IS CREDITED WITH TWO ARROWHEADS (INITIAL ASSAULT) ON ITS BATTLE STREAMERS.

IN THE YEARS AFTER WORLD WAR II, THE 407TH FINALLY BECAME A FULL BATTALION. ON 1 SEPTEMBER 1957, THE UNIT REORGANIZED AS THE 407TH SUPPLY AND TRANSPORTATION BATTALION. THE 407TH SERVED IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC FOR OPERATION POWER PACK, IN GRENADA FOR OPERATION URGENT FURY, IN PANAMA FOR OPERATION JUST CAUSE, AND IN SAUDI ARABIA AND IRAQ FOR OPERATIONS DESERT SHIELD AND DESERT STORM.

ON 22 OCTOBER 1993, THE UNIT TOOK ITS PRESENT DAY FORM AS THE MULTI-FUNCTIONAL 407TH FORWARD SUPPORT BATTALION THAT PROVIDES ALL DIRECT SUPPORT LOGISTICAL NEEDS TO THE DIVISION'S 2D BRIGADE TASK FORCE. DURING OPERATION RESTORE DEMOCRACY IN HATI, THE 407TH WAS READY TO DEPLOY WITH TASK FORCE FALCON, ONLY TO BE STOOD DOWN AT THE LAST MINUTE.

ON 13 FEBRUARY 2003, THE 407TH DEPLOYED TO KUWAIT IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM. FROM 20 MAR 2003 UNTIL ITS REDEPLOYMENT TO FT BRAGG ON 9 FEBRUARY 2004, THE 407TH AGGRESSIVELY SUSTAINED THE COMBAT POWER OF THE 2D BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM DURING TOUGH OFFENSIVE DESERT WARFARE, URBAN COMBAT, AND HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT OPERATIONS.

HHC

Hello and greetings to the friends and family members of the soldiers of Headquarters and Headquarters Company! The period following our deployment has been a true period of transition for the Company as we seek to adjust to the Army's new concept of transition. Not only have we done a change of command from CPT Cook to CPT McDermott, but three platoons that were previously part of the Company (DFAC, Maintenance, and S&T Platoons) are now assigned to E Company. With the loss of those units, however, comes that addition of a new one. The FIST Platoon, composed of the Battalion's fire supporters, is now consolidated within the Headquarters Company. As a result we have a strong addition to the Company, and a true asset more readily available to the Battalion task force.

In addition to all of the effort that has gone into transition, the pace of training and unit readiness hasn't slowed. Over the last several months the Company has participated in, and supported, numerous live fire exercises, taken part in two separate Joint Forcible Entry Exercises (JFEX), conducted hundreds of hours of individual training on various new pieces of equipment, and taken part in both the BN and BDE formals. The soldiers of the Company are working hard, as is evidenced by our course graduation statistics, to accomplish the myriad of tasks laid out before them, and are currently on the Division Ready Force 1, prepared to answer the call.

The coming months will be busy, and encompass a variety of challenges for the Company. To start with, we will be changing barracks once again in the

month of May, followed by post cleanup and All American Week activities. We will then bid farewell to LTC Anders on 01 JUN, and look towards conducting Expert Infantryman Badge training, and then begin to prepare for another JFEX in June, and finally two weeks of leave in July. In addition to this we will look to re-invigorate our Family Readiness Program, and strengthen the ties that bond the unit with soldier's families.



HHC Arrivals

We offer a heartfelt welcome to our new arrivals, in particular 2LT Castro and his wife Evelyn, SPC John and his wife from Ft. Hood, TX, SSG Copeland from the Houston Recruiting BN, SFC Ulam and his wife Amanda from FT. Benning, SSG Jones and his wife Teresa from C Company, CPT Augustin, the new BN PA, and SSG Whelan, the new Medical PLT Sergeant.

HHC Departures

Farewell, and best of luck to SFC Ferrand (to 44th MEDCOM), 1LT Furbie (to 407th BSB), SPC Hillier (to Ft. Erwin, CA), SGT Cox (to C/1-325 AIR), SFC Barber (to ACRC), and 1LT Williams (degree completion program).

And to the following troopers, thank you for your service to our Country, and the best of luck to you and your families: SGT Ashby, SGT Tyte, SPC Pike and SPC Ferenczy.



Marriages

Alison Womack to SGT Womack

Kelly Schleicher to SPC Schleicher

Brittany Morgan to SPC Jacobs

Dulce Garcia to SPC Hillier

Reenlistments:

SGT Manning, Scout PLT

HHC School Graduations

School Graduations:

SGT Meyers – Pre-Ranger Course
SPC Daniels – Team Leader Course
SFC Ferrand – ANCOC/EMT
SSG McNess – Jumpmaster School
SGT Gann – Jumpmaster School
SPC Moss – Combatives Course
SGT Womack – Warrior Leader's Course
SGT Parker – Warrior Leader's Course
SGT Richie – Warrior Leader's Course
PFC Amerson – CLS Course
PFC Harless – CLS Course

SPC Cordova – RTO Academy
PFC Myers – US Army Sniper School
SGT Ortiz – US Army Sniper School
SGT Barger – US Army Sniper School
SGT Paschal – US Army Sniper School
SSG Parker – SFAS
SGT Mundy – Warrior Leader's Course
SGT Schilling – Warrior Leader's Course
PFC Settles – CLS Course
PFC Evans – CLS Course
SPC Moss – CLS Course

HHC Promotions

SSG Safstrom	SSG Simmons
SSG Mcness	SGT Ruediger
SGT Meyers	SGT Parker
SGT Miller	SGT Schilling
SPC O'Toole	SPC Quattrone
SPC Phillips	SPC Moss

